

EAP 223 Academic Reading – Outside Reader: *Things Fall Apart*
PREREADING STUDY GUIDE – Chapters 20-25

Study Questions for Chapters 20-25 Use these questions to guide you through reading this section. Document your answers on this sheet to help you study for the quiz.

1. How did Okonkwo feel about his return to the clan?
2. What message did Okonkwo give to his sons and daughters after Nwoye left the family?
3. Describe the changes that had come to Umuofia in the seven years that Okonkwo was in exile.
4. Okonkwo asked Obierika why the people had lost their power to fight. What was Obierika's reply?
5. How did many of the other villagers feel about these changes?
6. What was Mr. Brown's conclusion about the religion of the clan? How did he act to gain converts?
7. About what was Okonkwo grieving?
8. Describe the conflict started by Enoch.
9. What was the result of the action taken by the *egwugwu*?
10. How did Okonkwo feel when he returned from the white man's prison?
11. Why did the men meet in the marketplace?
12. What event happened in the marketplace?
13. What happened to Okonkwo?
14. What did Obierika tell the Commissioner?
15. What was the Commissioner's reaction to the incident?

Vocabulary for Chapters 20-25

Part I: Using Prior Knowledge and Context Clues.

Below are the sentences in which the vocabulary words appear in the text. Use any clues you can find in the sentence, combined with your prior knowledge, to understand the italicized words.

1. He would return with a *flourish* and regain the seven wasted years.
2. But it was a *resilient* spirit, and in the end Okonkwo overcame his sorrow.
3. This growing feeling was due to Mr. Brown, the white missionary, who was very firm in restraining his flock from *provoking* the wrath of the clan.
4. Mr. Brown's mission grew from strength to strength, and because of its link with the new administration it earned a new social *prestige*.
5. & 6. He condemned openly Mr. Brown's policy of *compromise* and *accommodation*.
7. Enoch himself was greatly disappointed when he heard this, for he had hoped that a holy war was *imminent*.
8. *Discordant* bells clanged, machetes clashed and the air was full of dust and weird sounds.
9. For a brief moment the onrush of the *egwugwu* was checked by the unexpected *composure* of the two men.
10. Then an unmistakable voice rose above the *tumult* and there was immediate silence.
11. His voice was unmistakable and so he was able to bring immediate peace to the *agitated* spirits.
12. It has bred untold *abominations* and we have come to put an end to it.

Part II: Determining the Meaning: Match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions.

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| ___ 1. flourish | A. stirred up; disturbed |
| ___ 2. resilient | B. mental calmness |
| ___ 3. provoking | C. help; adaptation |
| ___ 4. prestige | D. angering; causing retaliation |
| ___ 5. compromise | E. something detestable |
| ___ 6. accommodation | F. impending; near at hand |
| ___ 7. imminent | G. grow well; prosper |
| ___ 8. discordant | H. adjustment |
| ___ 9. composure | I. commotion; riot |
| ___ 10. tumult | J. elastic; able to spring back |
| ___ 11. agitated | K. inharmonious; conflicting |
| ___ 12. abominations | L. impression produced by achievement |